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1. REFTELS A AND B REPORTED DEMARCHES MADE TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, MANPOWER MINISTER AND FOREIGN DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR SPECIALIZED AGENCIES ALONG WITH OUR ASSESSMENT OF LIKELY INDONESIAN ACTION ON INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE CRITICAL ISSUES.

2. EMBASSY ALSO MADE PRESENTATIONS TO WORKER AND EMPLOYER DELEGATES AND ADVISORS, ALL OF WHOM ARE SYMPATHETIC WITH U.S. CONCERNS ABOUT ILO BUT COULD MAKE NO COMMITMENT ON HOW THEY MIGHT VOTE.

3. IN FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION, CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION, MANPOWER DEPARTMENT SECRETARY GENERAL BASRI, AT FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR LABOR ATTACHE, REITERATED CONCERN FOR SOLIDARITY WITH GROUP OF 77. INDONESIA'S MAIN PROBLEM IN ILO, HE SAID, IS POSSIBLE CONDEMNATION FOR SLAVE LABOR. LABOR ATTACHE NOTED THAT SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITION ON ARTICLE 17 WOULD ASSURE FAIR TREATMENT ON THIS ISSUE.

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4. IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON HOW GOI WILL BEHAVE WILL BE DECISION OF ASEAN LABOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN THAILAND TO DISCUSS, INTER ALIA, ILO. WE DOUBT IF INDONESIANS WILL TAKE POSITION CONTRARY TO MALAYSIANS AND FILIPINOS WHICH SHARE DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY.

5. WHILE WE HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT HERE TO URGE INDONESIANS
TO SEE THEIR LONG-TERM INTERESTS BEST SERVED BY FACILITATING
U.S. DECISION TO REMAIN IN ILO, WE TEND TO BELIEVE THAT
SHORT-TERM INTERESTS IN CLOSING RANKS WITH THIRD WORLD
DOMINATES THEIR THINKING.
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